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### *North Korea Rejects Overtures From Seoul*

TOKYO, July 11 (Reuters) — North Korea today rejected a South Korean proposal to end the animosity between the two countries, saying the plan served only to make the division permanent.

The official North Korean press agency, monitored in Tokyo, quoted a statement by the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland as saying the plan, including drastic increases in cross-border contacts and duty-free trade, was "a new version" of previous proposals.

There was no immediate reaction from the South Korean Government.

In a televised broadcast on Thursday, the South Korean President, Roh

Tae Woo, announced a major South Korean policy shift, declaring an end to animosity with North Korea and promising to help the North improve relations with Seoul's allies, including the United States and Japan.

The North Korean press agency carried a reply from the committee that said Mr. Roh's declaration aimed to make the division of the country a permanent one.

It said his proposals would "freeze the division internally, and legalize the 'two Koreas' by establishing the relations of cross contacts respectively with 'friendly nations' of both sides externally."